

**NICC Weekly August 6, 2025**  
from the New Ipswich Congregational Church  
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And as they were going along the road, someone said to Him “I will follow You wherever You go.” And Jesus said to him, “The foxes of have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. And he said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Permit me first to go bury my father. But he said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” And another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say goodbye to those at home.” But Jesus said to him, “No one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:57-62

### **Reasons and Excuses**

Jesus called many to follow him. Some did so immediately others rejected or refused the offer. But there was the group who said “yes! But first let me.....” Demonstrating their heart may have been in the right place but they lacked the willingness to put it into action.

What Luke is describing here isn't a parable told by Jesus or an example of his teaching. Luke is recording actual conversations between Jesus and would be disciples as he traveled throughout Israel. Many were excited about the arrival of this Messiah! They were impressed with his teaching and healing and were both anxious and excited to be a part of it.

From someone who was willing to follow Jesus “wherever You go” there was the expectation that there was a destination in mind. Another was willing but wanted to wait until his father had passed away. Perhaps an indication that he wasn't willing to give up the inheritance he expected to receive upon his father's death. Then there is the one who wanted a “going away” party.

“I will follow You, But.....” is a promise all of us have made and will likely make again. “I will follow Jesus by feeding the poor....but first let me check my pantry to see if there is any food I don't need or want.” Or “I will follow Jesus...but first I have to finish my career and retire with a good amount of money in my retirement account.” Are there other reasons and excuses that keep us from following Jesus? What is your “but first....?”

*Blessings*

*Pastor Ken*

### Church Council Meeting

**Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

The Church Council will meet at the church at 6pm for pizza followed by their regular business meeting at 630.

### Church Calendar

Thur 8/7	Fr 8/8	Sa 8/9	Su 8/10	Mo 8/11	Tu 8/12	08/13/25
5-9pm Boy Scouts	6pm Church Council Mtg		10am Worship  Children's Fair set up begins	3-? Children's Fair set up	3-? Children's Fair set up  6-7pm Girlscouts	1030-1230 Senior Fellowship  3-? Children's Fair Set up

### Wednesday Senior Fellowship

Come at 1030 to visit, stay till 12 noon for lunch.

Our lively group continues to grow! Conversation, laughter and sharing information- its a great social time to get you out and about.

The lunch is always pretty good too.

### At the River's Edge

"At the River's Edge" is an intensive online Bible Study. We meet each Wednesday at 630pm on Zoom.

Allison Rivera leads this week.

Email Pastor Ken for the link.

### Church Surveys!

The deadline has passed to turn in your church survey. If you are still holding onto it or didn't get one call the church office asap! 603 878 1327

### Baptism

For those who are able to make it- you are invited! We will baptize Nicole, Kylie and Levi Mattson on Sunday **August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am** at the Kivela's camp on Pratt Pond.





### The Cash Cow!

Kevin and the staff at St Vincent De Paul extend their heartfelt appreciation for all those who have donated funds to purchase ½ gallons of milk. You can continue to donate directly to them or through Pastor Ken & Margie.

### Pastor's Schedule August 7-13

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9-5 NICC Office Open  630pm Greenville CCC Meeting	9-5 NICC Office Open  6pm NICC Church Council Dinner	1pm Jean Osgood Funeral FBCF	9am Pratt Pond Baptism  10am Worship NICC  1230pm Worship FBCF	9-5 NICC Office	Off Office Closed	9-5 NICC Office  1230 Lunch VFW  630 ATRE Bible Study zoom

Just a note: The final full office day for Pastor Ken will be Monday August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
August 27<sup>th</sup> ½ day: 1-5pm  
Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> are moving days.

### Preaching Schedule for August

August 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Ken  
August 17<sup>th</sup> Karyn Veaser  
August 24<sup>th</sup> Allison Rivera  
August 31<sup>th</sup> Pastor Ken

### Financial Health

Monthly recurring expenses June: \$5,574.31

Date	General Fund	Building Fund	Total	Special Gift
07/06/25	\$1,360.00	\$350.00	\$1,710.00	
07/13/25	\$1,470.00	\$150.00	\$1,970.00	
07/20/25	\$685.00	\$150.00	\$835.00	
07/27/25	\$750.00	\$350.00	\$1,100.00	

### **Children's Fair Set Up!**

**This Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> is a dress down day!**

The set up of the Children's Fair begins immediately following our Worship Service.

Dress comfortably and “gird up your loins” for work!

Set up continues throughout the week.

### **CF Calendar Raffle**

Winnders are being selected every day! Look for Karyn Veeseer on Facebook to see if you are a winner!

### **Building Fund!**

We have several capital projects that need to be addressed soon. Thanks for your faithful giving to the building fund but we also want to mention our “Building Fund” bank in the lobby at our Fellowship Hall entrance. It has the ability to accept checks, large or small bills and any denomination of coin! Thanks in advance for all you give and as often as you give. Our objective is to have the funds in hand to make the necessary repairs to avoid taking out any loans!

### **Kylie and Camp**

**Kylie is excited and already packed for her Whaddaweek Camp at Grotonwood August 10th-15<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanks to everyone who donated toward her camp scholarship to give her the opportunity to have fun, learn more about the Christian life, make new friends and create loads of memories! If you were unable to donate toward her camp scholarship you can still encourage her by donating \$10 for her Camp Store account. Recommended amount for each camper when they establish an account is \$50 to \$100.**

**Please give your donation directly to Kylie or her mom, Nicole.**



**And THANK YOU!**